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Title: SUCTION ADAPTER FOR MEDICAL INSTRUMENT

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 35 pages, including 1 independent claim and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings- 23 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-32b).
3. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	22	-	20	2	x \$18	36.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	0	x \$84	0
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 776.00

4. A check for \$776.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee;
\$36.00 additional claims fee; and

This application is a continuation-in-part of prior Application No. 09/079,168, filed May 15, 1998. This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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